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GREETINGS!

As Governor of Arizona, I would like to welcome everyone to the Department of Correction's Women's History Month Celebration.

This year's theme, *Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams*, honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams. *Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams* honors women for bringing communities together and restoring hope in the face of impossible odds.

In celebrating women's historic achievements, we present an authentic view of history. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.

Women's history becomes a story of inspiration and hope. A story of courage and tenacity. A story of promise, possibility and purpose. Women's history is our nation's story. It is the story of how women built communities and inspired and nurtured dreams and how they will continue to do so.

I would like to thank the employees of the Department of Corrections for working so hard to make our state stronger and better. Every DOC employee, led by Director Schriro, is a builder of communities and dreams.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano Governor